

SENATE BILL 2499

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to license plates for retired members of the International Association of Firefighters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() International Association of Firefighters (Retired);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of Tennessee, and who retired as a certified member of the International Association of Firefighters, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued an International Association of Firefighters (Retired) new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The application for these new specialty earmarked plates shall be accompanied by proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, certifying that the applicant is a retired member of the International Association of Firefighters.

(c) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this section shall contain the logo of the International Association of Firefighters, be substantially similar to the International Association of Firefighters new specialty earmarked plate created in § 55-4-260 and shall be designed in consultation with the executive director of the Tennessee chapter of the International Association of Firefighters.

(d) Funds produced from the sale of International Association of Firefighters (Retired) new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee Firefighters Emergency Relief Fund, in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215.

(e) An International Association of Firefighters (Retired) new specialty earmarked license plate shall not convey any rights or privileges to the driver of a motor vehicle upon which the plates are displayed. No driver or passenger of a motor vehicle shall engage in any firefighting or emergency services situation, unless the person is otherwise authorized by law to perform those duties.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.